

If you find an orphaned or injured bird or other animal . . .

The best thing you can do, before anything else, is to call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at **1-440-471-8357**. Rehabilitation Specialist Tim Jasinski and the Center's staff constantly check their messages from 9-4 daily, including weekends, and will give you the best course of action. After calling you can, if it is safe to do so, safely secure the bird or animal in a box or container with air holes. **DO NOT GIVE IT FOOD OR WATER** until you have spoken to the Nature & Science Center staff. If you call after hours keep it in the box in a warm, quiet place until the morning.

The exception to the above info, according to the National Wildlife Federation, is if you find a fawn that you think is abandoned. Female deer hide their newborn fawns in tall grass or brush and move some distance away to feed to avoid drawing predators to their offspring. The fawn simply waits in hiding until its mother returns. Soon, the fawns will be strong enough to follow the does and run from predators, and they no longer need to spend hours alone in hiding.